

FIG. 1  
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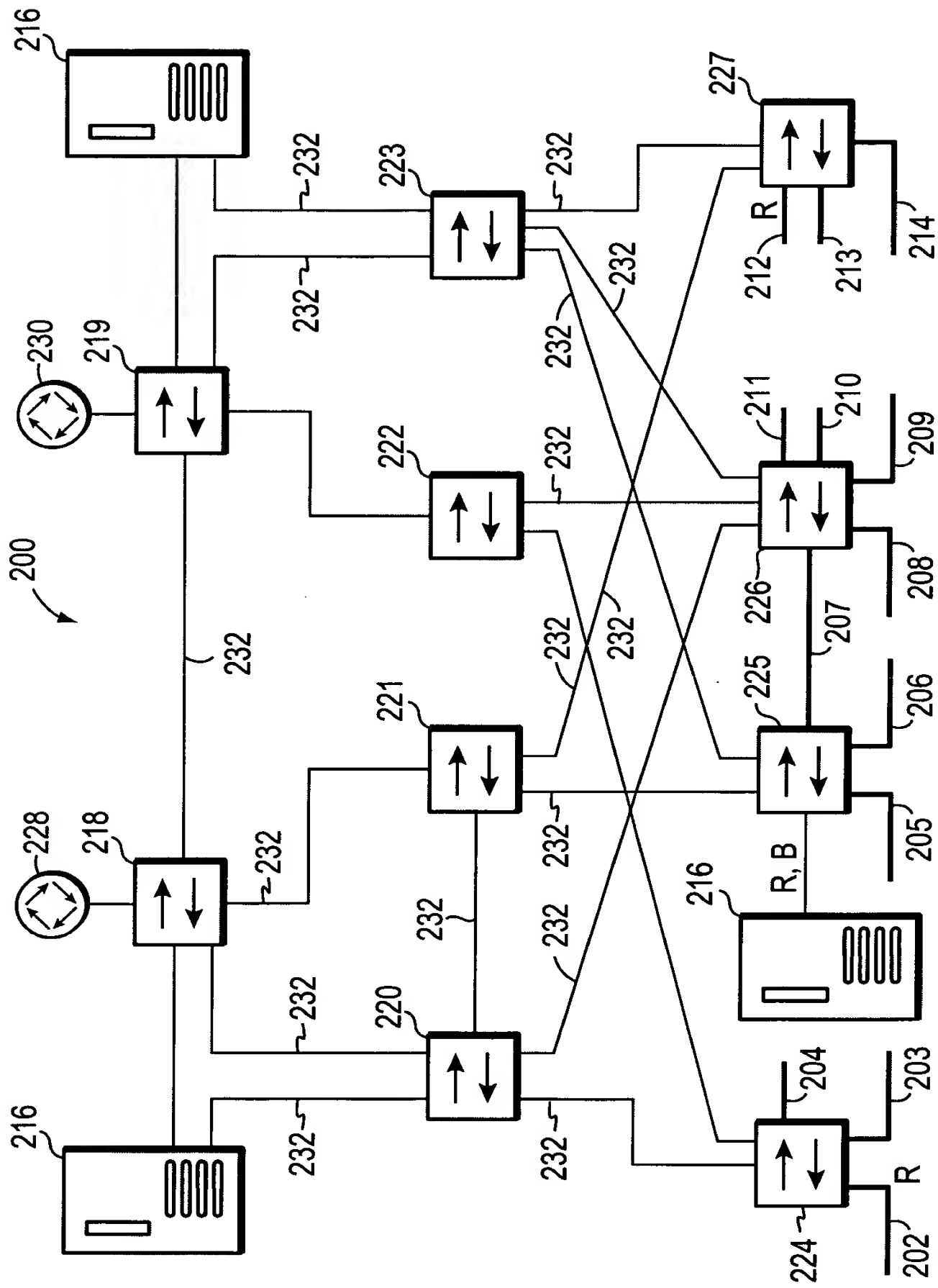


FIG. 2

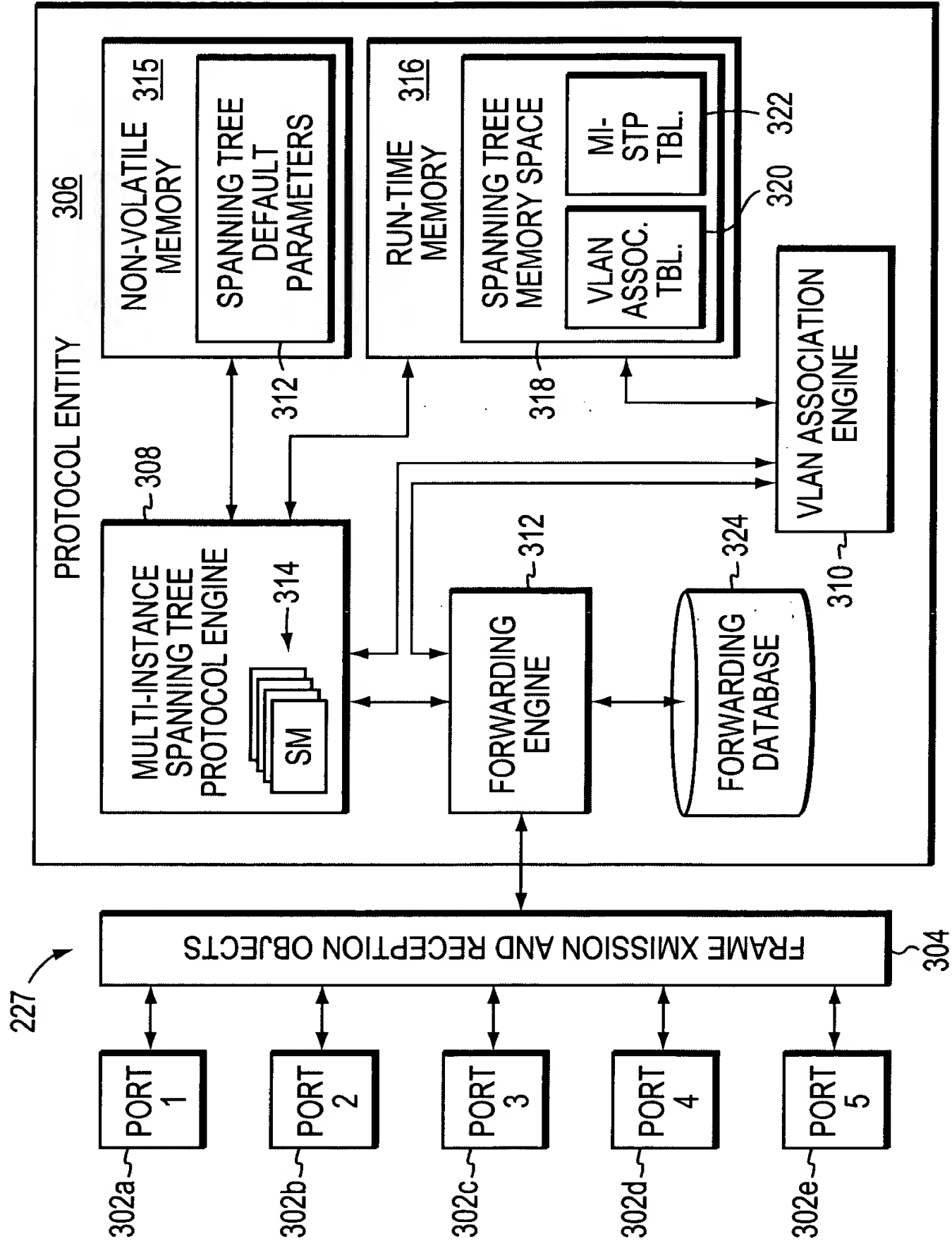


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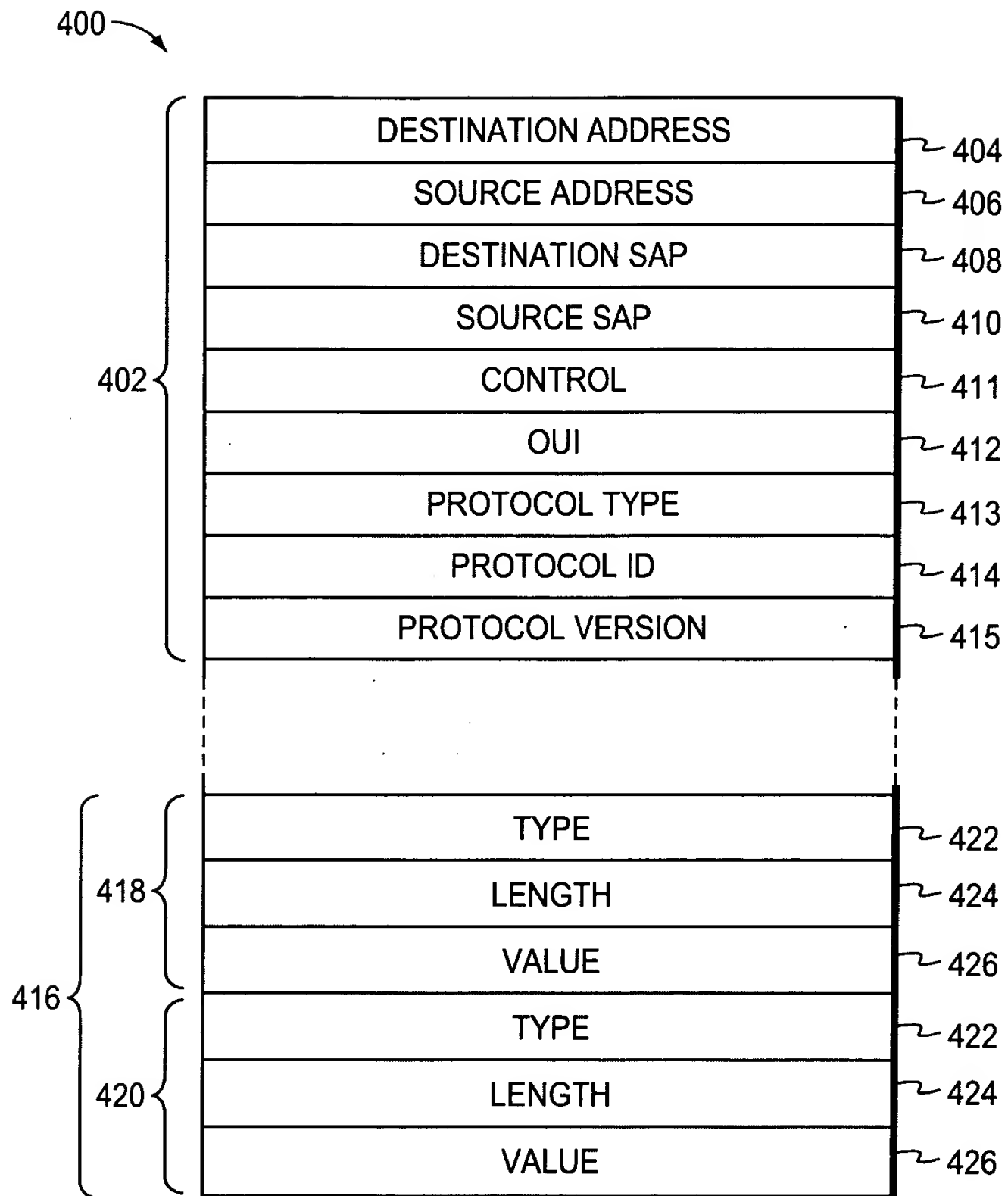


FIG. 4A

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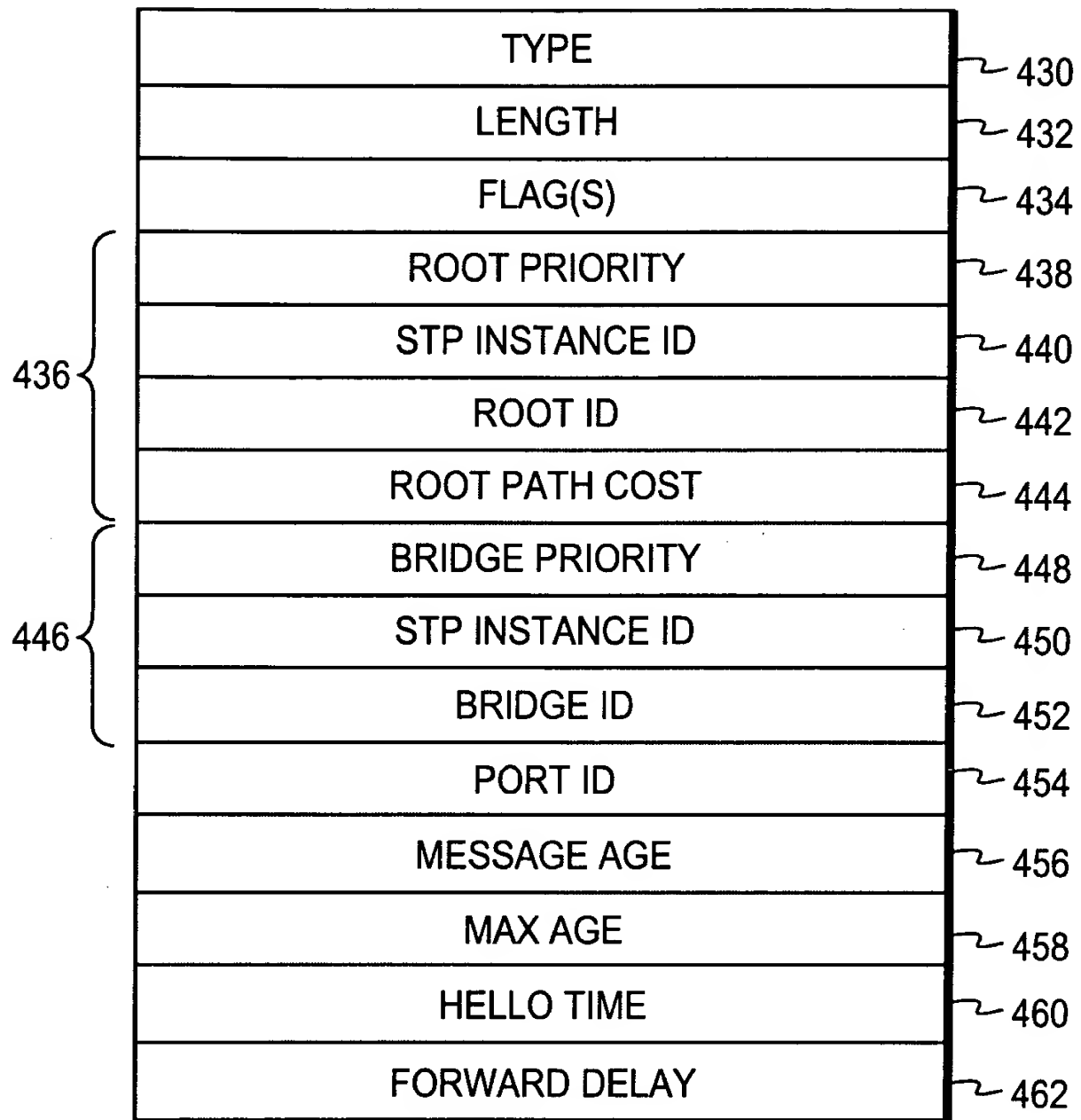


FIG. 4B

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TYPE	478
LENGTH	480
STP INSTANCE ID	482

FIG. 4D

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TYPE	466
LENGTH	468
STP INSTANCE ID	470
REVISION	472
VLAN MAPPING	474

FIG. 4C

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STP INSTANCE ID	SPANNING TREE INFORMATION	VLAN MAPPING	
		REVISIONS	VLANS
1	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	2	NULL
2	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	6	B
3	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	3	G,Y
4	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	1	O
5	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	15	V
6	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	7	R
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15	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	9	P
16	ROOT, ROOT, PORT, ...	21	M

FIG. 5

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VLAN DESIGNATION	SPANNING TREE INSTANCE	
1	NULL	602
2	6	602
3	12	602
4	12	602
5	12	602
6	3	602
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4092	8	602
4093	8	602
4094	12	602
4095	4	602

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FIG. 6



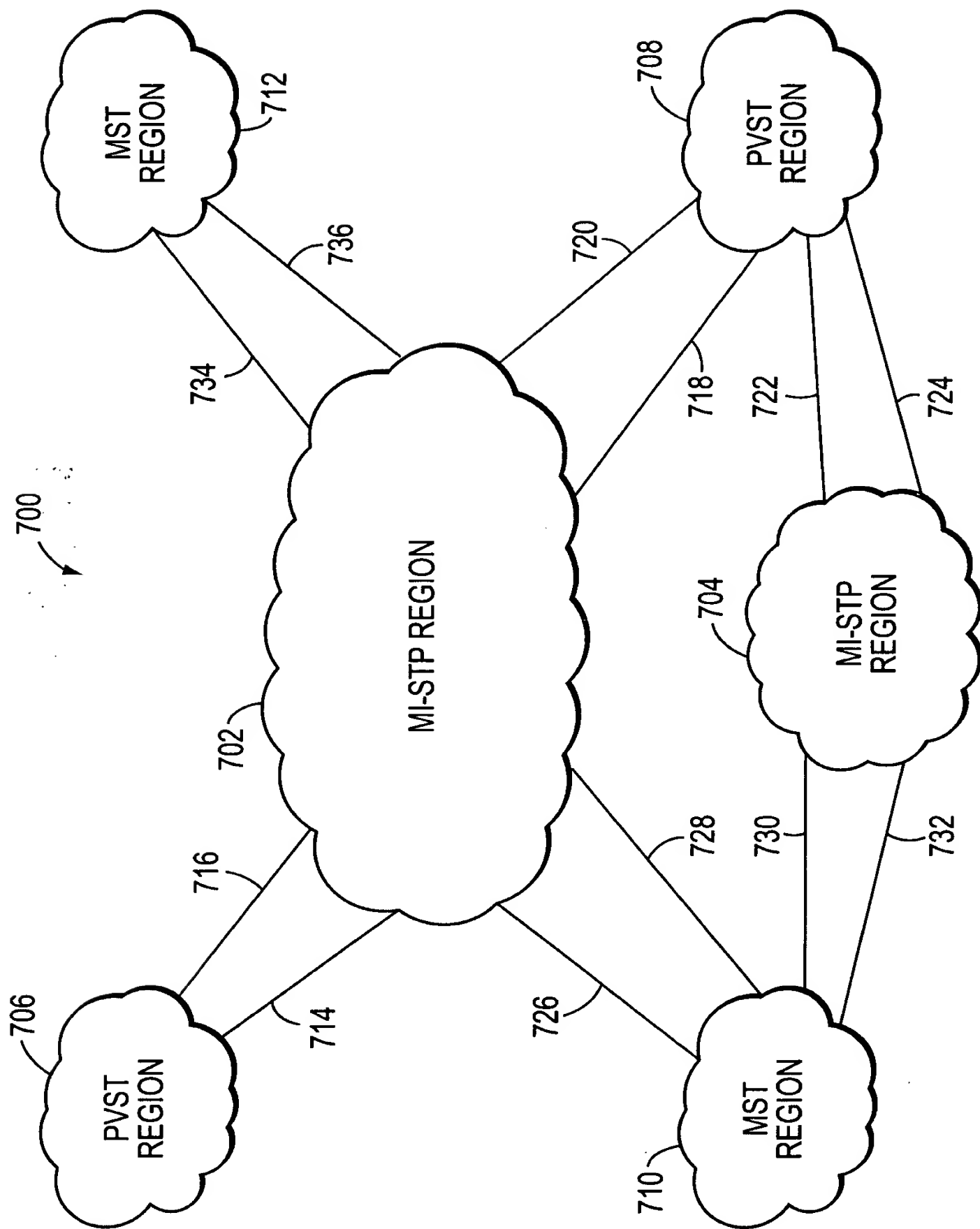


FIG. 7

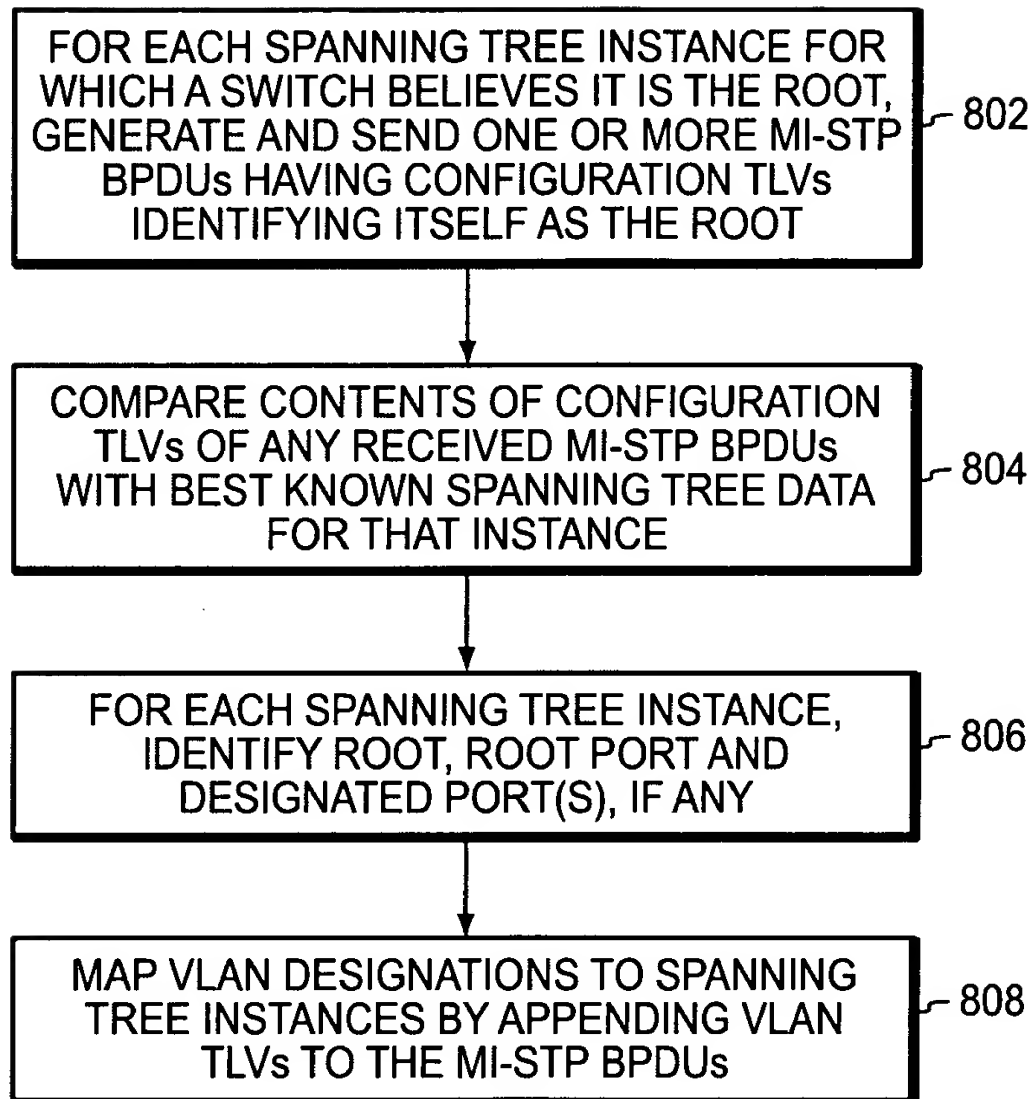


FIG. 8